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# Letters

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### HIGHWAY MARKER AGAIN

Recent correspondence printed in your most refreshing column under the title "Letters" made reference to the "New Highway Marker."

I agree with the sentiments expressed that we should identify our churches with "Missouri Synod." If we are true to our convictions, that name is a real identifying marker. Also, I believe that the use of the expression "The Church of the Lutheran Hour" is well worth using.

However, there is room for a third inclusion. Anyone who knows the popularity of our television program "This Is the Life" knows that more people are learning to know our church as the church which sponsors this most wonderful telecast throughout the length and breadth of the land. Many there are indeed who know us solely and alone because of the half-hour visit each week with the Fisher Family, Pastor Martin, and others who make this without question the best loved, the most highly appreciated, and most effective religious telecast in the nation. Our gratitude for the opportunity which the Lord is herewith furnishing our beloved Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod should know no bounds.

One of my favorite stories of the Lord working in, through, and for us in making it possible for us to grasp and use this modern miracle for the purpose of His kingdom is the unique, inspiring, stirring story of "This Is the Life." Dollar for dollar I can't think of another thing our church is privileged to do in these last days which fills me with more humble, grateful pride. When I make my special offerings for missions, I have a most visual testimony each week as to the dividends which it is paying when my family and I diligently take time out from anything and everything else to profit from the good things it provides.

More and more we are convinced our church is being identified in the homes of the land by "This Is the Life." Will we have to design another marker to take note of this fact?

ERICH V. OELSCHLAEGER, *Pastor*

Long Beach, Calif.

EDITORIAL NOTE: *Our new highway markers provide space for extra names as requested in the above letter.*

### THANKS FOR POEMS

It is good to read the beautiful poems that appear in the LUTHERAN WITNESS, and I want to be counted among those who say "Thank you" for publishing them and an extra "Thank you" to those who wrote the poems.

"Pilate's Soliloquy" well deserved the full page it received in the March 29 issue.

Richmond, Va. OSCAR A. POHLIG

### CLARIFICATION

A correspondent calls my attention to the fact that a statement which I made in my article "The True Body and Blood" in the March 29 issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS is, if rigorously analyzed, susceptible of misinterpretation. The statement reads: "Every communicant — worthy and unworthy — receives the body and blood of Christ with the bread and the wine, not only spiritually, by faith, but also with the mouth of the body." In my concern to include the insights of *both* paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Epitome of Article VII of the Formula of Concord, I was a little too succinct. The intention of the sentence would have been more clearly expressed if the words "not only spiritually, by faith," would have been omitted. Obviously, in the light of other statements in the article, I did not want to be understood as if unworthy communicants receive the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist spiritually by faith. The factor which precisely makes a communicant unworthy is unbelief, as the third last paragraph of the article explicitly states.

ARTHUR CARL PIEPKORN

St. Louis, Mo.

### OPENING A DOOR

The letters of Chaplain M. Gundermann in the WITNESS have been an answer to my prayers. . . . My son and other young men coming from the Armed Forces in Korea tell of an estimated 700,000 orphans in Korea — children running around with little clothing during bitter cold weather and begging for food. Indeed the 72 orphans in the orphanage mentioned by Chaplain Gundermann are the lucky ones. We can help the Korean orphans by sending clothing, blankets, and towels to the nearest shipping center for this purpose. It costs about eight cents a pound to process this clothing. We can send contributions to the Board of World Relief, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, 3919 John R St., Detroit 1, Mich.

By helping the destitute throughout the world with our material gifts we open a door for our missionaries.

San Diego, Calif. LOUISE HOLBORN

### CHURCH INTERIORS

Many of the articles and the pictures in the WITNESS have been interesting. I especially enjoy seeing pictures of interiors of churches. They have done much to revive good liturgical practices.

RONALD STEINHARDT

Centerville Station, Ill.

### ADVERTISE THE TRUTH

In the LUTHERAN WITNESS, May 24 issue, I read the letter of Carl L. McClure, Jr., and most heartily agree with him that it is time the Protestants in our country challenge the Roman ads in newspapers, magazines, e have been appearing in the p years. . . . The Roman Catho really putting on a big campai they say it is only the beginning. our churches just sit back and l get away with it? Why not som the magazines put in by our ov souri Synod? . . .

God is with our church, and c we can do all through our Lord. fore I feel we should start an adv campaign of the truth of our Sav Holy Word and works. Somew our vast Synod we could find a who could write the proper campaign. . . . We have a most challenge to meet, and we sho hesitate to meet it. With God's can do it. God would want us t As God preserved His holy Wo works, so will He preserve the eousness of true Christianity, the Missouri Synod.

Michigan

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## THE COVER

In Pilgrim Chapel for the Kansas City, Mo., Rev. A. E. pastor, is pronouncing the benedic newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Willia land, Jr., who are deaf.

Mission friends in the congr and the pastor had made repeat on the young lady. She attended worship, and the Holy Spirit led Christ. She was baptized. The met for the first time at a church ing. The bridegroom is president congregation.


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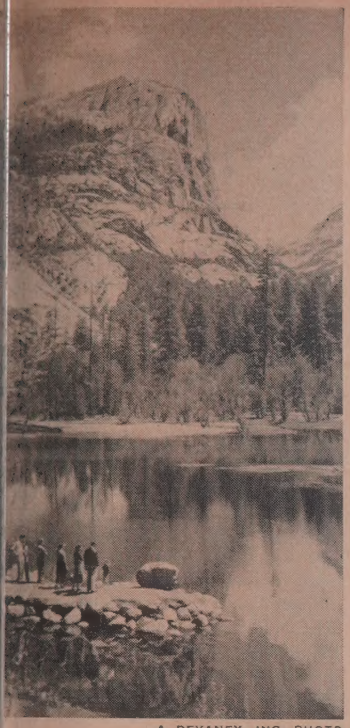

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# Stop at Nothing!

By ARNOLD H. GRUMM
Pastor, Grace Church, Fargo, N. Dak.

## *What puts man on a higher plane . . . ?*

### w Low Can a Man Sink?

ir Walter Scott's novel *Kenil-rth*, Richard Varney, enslaved utter selfishness, sank to such s that he lured the Countess of ter to a trap door and death by ing the welcoming whistle of her nd and then gloated over the plished murder. There are mil-of Varneys untouched by God's slaves of vice and greed and seeking only their self-interest, ink deeper and deeper into the ol of evil and destruction.

### w High Can a Man Rise?

t all men are Varneys, though nay live without God and with-hrist. They often rise to sur-g heights of service and sacrifice f the same self-interest that en-l Varney is at the center of their ng.

rces at work within and around help raise this self-interest to levels. Natural love in the and among friends begets sac-Love of country raises men high level of achievement. iveness to pain moves to pity. ling of satisfaction comes from turing into the field of experi-to bring physical relief to the nd ailing. The leavening power Gospel at work in society in-es the aims and goals, if not s the hearts, so that the Red community chests, hospitals, s for unfortunates, and char-enterprises become part of the unity life.

But that is as high as the man of the unborn heart can rise, at best only as high as his self-interest will permit. He may live at times on a kind of plateau and reach out on every side to his fellow men, but there are no peaks on that plateau rising upward to the living God. Such a person may strive for some kind of god, whom he has made his slave or of whom he lives in terror, but there is no ladder reaching up to the living God, from whom come to him grace and all goodness and upward to whom flow offerings of serving love. His life is not founded on the true God. His plateau is built on shifting sand. Storms of life can wreck it and the tempest of death and eternity will utterly destroy it. Jesus declares of such a life: "Without Me ye can do nothing," and of such a building: "Great was the fall of it."

### How High Can a Child of God Rise?

Up to the very throne of God. But never by his own reason or strength. No man has what it takes to do it. Billy Rose, sensing the down-dragging power in man, in a syndicated article some years ago, had this to say about people: "The girl that tells you that she never lied is a liar. The man who says he never makes a phony excuse is a phony. You can't avoid it. I guess it must have something to do with the way we come off the assembly line."

The gracious God in heaven must enter our lives. He must bless us with a second birth. He must lead us to the Cross of His Son. Through His Spirit He must bless us with the hand of faith to reach out and embrace this Christ and make His merits our own. He must make us certain through His Word that nothing can now condemn us, because Christ died for us and rose again and sits at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us. He must fill us with His peace and hope and with the assurance that nothing can separate us from His love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Nothing!

This assurance puts us not merely on a higher plane than that of some men about us, but it places us on the mountain peak of God's grace in close and constant contact with Him. It lifts us up out of a life of sin and makes us members of the family of the living God and sure of life with God now and forever.

### "That God Be Glorified"

Now we have a new heart, and at the center of our life and striving is no longer the old self but God and Christ and His Spirit. Our goal is no longer that of self-interest, but "that in all things God be glorified."

This spirit takes care of everything. Whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, we shall do it to the glory of God. The more we approximate that goal, the nearer we shall be to our Father in heaven. Laymen, teachers, and pastors who live by grace alone and apply this touchstone, that God be glorified, to everything they plan and do and in their lives are real leaders who guide men upward to God.

Men who live by God's grace alone are daily filled with wonder as they meditate on this grace that brought them pardon and made them God's children. Like Paul, they are ready to go all out with burning zeal for the souls of men and their needs, so that others may know the grace of God in their lives and be added to the list of them that glorify God. Like the Apostles, they are filled with vision and courage as they stand with Jesus on the mount of Ascension and are told: "Before you lies the world in need of grace. Go out with My Gospel, and bring this world back to Me, and lay it at My feet." Just as God's grace stopped at nothing that needed to be done to win them for heaven, so, if their goal is "that God in all things be glorified through Jesus Christ" they will stop at nothing to bring their fellow men to Christ. Then one day they will stand before God's throne and glorify Him forever.

Can men actually rise so high that they glorify not self but God?

Yes, if Christ lives in them.

# Your SYNOD

## THE PRESIDENT

A meeting of momentous importance to Synod will be held at our Concordia College in St. Paul, Minn., July 13—20. It will be a Synod-wide Circuit Visitors' Conference combined with the annual Fiscal Conference. The latter meets to establish the synodical budget for the year 1956, the former for what may be termed an "orientation," or a "refresher," course.

The duties and responsibilities of a circuit Visitor are great. The circuit, usually comprising about ten or more sovereign congregations, is the smallest unit in Synod's organizational, or administrative, setup. Originally there was only Synod, and the President of the body was held to visit the congregations officially and supervise doctrine and practice. The chief purpose of this visit was to maintain the unity in Biblical doctrine and Scriptural practice. The rapid growth of Synod necessitated a division into Districts. The obligation to supervise doctrine and practice then rested on the District President. Further growth necessitated the division of the Districts into circuits. The chosen leader of the circuit is the circuit Visitor. He is the District President's assistant, or representative, in the circuit.

### Circuit Visitorship Important

It is apparent that the office of the circuit Visitor is tremendously important. For the District President the circuit Visitor keeps in close touch with the congregations of the circuit. He is nearest to the congregations. According to Synod's regulations the Visitor should visit each congregation officially in the interest of doctrinal unity and Scriptural practice. Synod wishes to know how pastors and teachers and congregations are faring and how they are participating in the work of the District and of the church at large. Furthermore, when problems and difficulties arise in the congregation, the Visitor's counsel may be sought. When a vacancy occurs, in either the pastorate or the parochial school, the District President who is to advise the congregations in his District in these matters may do this through the circuit Visitor. At circuit meetings, where information is given about missions, about the training of pastors and teachers, about schools and Sunday schools, about special projects which the church has undertaken, the Visitor is to be the leader, and he is to encourage pastors and lay representatives to convey the information received to their respective congregations and urge them to translate it into action. Also at circuit pastoral conferences, where such matters as doctrine, interpretation of Scripture, preaching, stewardship, and other matters are discussed, the Visitor is to be the leader.

### Visitor Must Be Well Informed

To perform the duties of his office well, the circuit Visitor must be well informed. He must know in order to be able to inform others. In fact, he should have firsthand informatio larger Synod grows, the more ne such information is. With the of Synod and the expansion of it into more and more countries, comes increasingly difficult to this information. This holds furthermore of maintaining the able and necessary cohesion, ar a sense of loyalty to the churc cause it is the church of the pure and the right use of the Sacra Hence a Synod-wide Visitors' C ence serves a good purpose.

In 1936 we had such a Syno Visitors' Conference combined w Fiscal Conference. This was held out cost to Synod, since Lou Waltke was our generous host Waltke again showed this gen and financed another meeting nature a few years later. In 19 had another such meeting, this t Synod's expense. Today we have 390 circuit Visitors and 32 I Presidents in the United State Canada. Of this total numbe about 30 were present at any former meetings. Only about today's Visitors ever witnessed th ing of a synodical budget. Only 30 have enjoyed the many oth vantages of such a meeting. This what a turnover we have had official family during the past years. The coming meeting w highly significant and profitabl Synod.

JOHN W. BEHNKEN

## THE COLLEGE OF PRESIDENTS

In our recent report on the assignment of calls to the graduates of our terminal colleges and seminaries the expression was used: "College of Presidents." In the following we should like to inform our readers as to the organization and the functions of the College of District Presidents in our synodical structure.

The *Handbook* of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod states: "The District Presidents, together with the President and the Vice-Presidents of Synod, shall form the College of Presidents" (3.23). The word "College" is derived from the Latin word *collegium*, meaning an assembly.

The bylaws of Synod require the President to meet with the District Presidents at least once a year for the purpose of mutual counsel regarding the work of Synod. The President of our nation annually calls a conference of the governors of the states in order to give them an insight into the policies, conditions, and affairs of our great country and its relation to general world problems.

Ordinarily the College of Presidents meets twice a year, at the time of the assignment of calls and again when the Fiscal Conference is held (this year at St. Paul, Minn., July 13—20). Occasionally a special session is called, as was the case in February of this year. The District Presidents report on the affairs of their respective Districts; matters relating to the administrative functions of the District Presidents (e.g., ordinations, installations, etc.) are discussed and uniform policies agreed upon; and the President of Synod as well as representatives of official l are afforded ample opportuni present current problems and pr needs of Kingdom work.

The crowded calendar of a m of the College of Presidents testi the necessity and helpfulness of conferences. As Synod's work ex and the problems of boards and o multiply, these conferences have found influence upon the welfa the church. It is to be emphasize the College of Presidents has no lative authority; its functions are best interests of unity of aim ar tion in our synodical body and humble service for the glory o Lord Jesus Christ, the Head c church.

WALTER F. LICHTSINN
CHAIRMAN, College of Presidents

# The Psalter

## Noise of Many Waters

*alm 93:4: "The Lord on high ghtier than the noise of many , yea, than the mighty waves of z."*

se who live near the sea are used the pounding of the surf. To who are unaccustomed to the it has a strange and ominous

e sea inspires men with dread. ges on end the waves keep ng on the rock-bound coast. eep has claimed many a human In its waves many a ship has ered. The tempests lash the into a foaming, seething fury. noise of many waters causes a human heart to quake.

e are all voyagers on the sea of That sea is not always calm. rail bark of our life is often by the waves of adversity. The often overcast with the clouds rry and doubt. Sometimes, it we lose the mariner's compass. ift aimlessly, far off our charted . We know the perils of the The noise of many waters keeps ing in our ears — the waters of d sorrow and death. We won- Shall we ever reach the shore? t the sea, for all its dreadful , for all its deafening roar, has aster. His voice can bid the subside. His voice can calm oubled deep. His voice can still mpest's roar.

he Lord on high is mightier he noise of many waters." With ilot at the helm, our bark will a steady course. He knows how ar the treacherous shoals. He us safely to the shore.

is good to feel our Pilot near sail life's stormy sea. It is good ow that the mighty waves must to their mightier Lord. It is to have His shelter from the g of the gales.

the eternal shore of His love race there is safety and peace st. This is the calm and happy for all the redeemed of God. his description of heaven and e to come the seer of Revelation es that "there shall be no more This is our blessed hope: to be forever from the perils of life's sea, to be engulfed no more by ghty waves, to hear no more "the of many waters."

*sus, Savior, pilot me!*

THOMAS COATES

# And Jesus Said

*And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.* MATTHEW 25:46

Two groups of people are pointed to: one standing on the right of the Son of Man, judging the inhabitants of the globe on the Last Day, the other standing on His left. The former occupies the place of honor, the latter that of disgrace. We Christians, who believe with all our heart that man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law, are startled at first to hear that the people on the right are characterized as those who have done good to their fellow men, while those on the left are said to have failed to do so. Further consideration will bring to mind that this description is in keeping with Bible teaching in general: God's children are active in good works; those who are not God's children do not render the service which God requires. In that grand scene good works are evidently cited not as having procured salvation but as revealing where a person stands in relation to his Redeemer.

Soon the verdict is pronounced: It sends those on the left into everlasting punishment; those on the right it welcomes into eternal life. Who can read those words without being deeply moved and who can adequately unfold their meaning? Those on the left are not God's children, and they will never become His own. They have rejected God's forgiveness, resting on the work of His Son, and enemies of God they will remain. "Their worm shall not die; their fire shall not be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." They are at the goal, the ultimate goal, reaping what they have sown. "Everlasting"— mark it well, you heedless, frivolous, mocking servants of sin! — is the word which is written over their unspeakably sad state. Shall we not pause here, smite our breasts in genuine repentance, and again seek refuge in the wounds of the Savior?

The second half of the Lord's word is just as sweet as the first is terrifying: the righteous shall go "into life eternal." For them the future means rest, peace, joy, in the presence of the Redeemer, in whom they have believed, in whose blood they have washed their robes and made them white, and whom they now see. And it will not be a fleeting, transient state, but an eternal one. Dearest Jesus, bring us there through the Holy Spirit!

WILLIAM F. ARNDT

# Baptism

### *The Baptism of Jesus*

Why did our Lord receive Baptism? For two reasons: 1) Jesus was now to receive His anointing with the Holy Spirit, for "He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him" (Matt. 3:16); 2) Jesus was now to take upon Himself the role of the suffering Servant of God. The voice from heaven, reflecting the momentous Servant of God passage in Is. 42:1-7, said in effect: "Thou art baptized not for Thine own sins but for those of the people. Thou art He who must suffer representatively for the sins of the people."

Jesus' Baptism is related to the gaining of righteousness for all. His Baptism points forward to the cross, in which all Baptism finds its power.

### *The Baptism of Adults*

What is the benefit of Holy Baptism for adults whose coming to Baptism implies repentance and faith already wrought by the Holy Spirit?

Baptism is the same Sacrament for children and adults. In either case it is a being "planted" with Christ into His death and a rising with Him in His resurrection.

For adults, too, Baptism works forgiveness of sins. It removes the guilt of all sin, original sin and actual sin. The working of sin, however, remains within man and will until death harass the new life implanted by Holy Baptism. The old life will ever be the source of sin until we enter heaven. The new life, which is ours through the second birth of the Holy Spirit, is Christ in us: His holiness, His righteousness, His victory over sin, over death and hell. Now there follows a struggle between these two forces, one eager to go the way of Satan and the world, the other, eager to do the Lord's will.

In terms of his daily experience the baptized Christian should say: "Through my Baptism I have entered a covenant with the Triune God. I have a share in Christ's death and in His resurrection. In Holy Baptism my sins were not only washed away, but Christ's perfect righteousness was bestowed on me. I am a member of the white-robed congregation. Now that I belong to God, I will bravely fight against everything evil and contend for everything good. In the strength of the Holy Spirit I will strive to die daily to sin and to live daily to righteousness."

Thank God for your Baptism!

C. W. BERNER

# Editorials

## Prosperity and God

We are a rich nation, apparently secure, with little to worry about. A wide expanse of fertile soil and an ideal climate insure food in abundance; and rich natural resources have made it possible to create immense industries. There is plenty of room for growth. We are proud of our inventive genius, our laboratories and factories. Our system of social security has been extended to include more people and help them face the future without anxiety. Our prosperity causes many people to conclude there is no real need to put their trust in God. Such trust they consider old-fashioned. They are content with things that can be seen and tasted, felt and weighed, bought and sold. Many who once were in moderate circumstances have become rich, but instead of acknowledging God as the Giver, they have permitted themselves to be wooed away from Him and His church.

Some nations, wealthy not so long ago, have been reduced to poverty and are only now recovering slowly. It could happen to us, if not by war, then by political corruption, shortage of crops, disease, or other disasters. We are not immune from these things. The subtle, ever-present danger of trusting in riches and being so absorbed with them as to forget God, is real. It behooves a nation as well as individuals to heed the warning of Scripture, echoed again and again in the pages of history: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked."

## Little Things

In a day that emphasizes large armies and great navies, gigantic battleships and enormous planes; in a day in which we speak of mass production, the tremendous energy released in the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb; when we speak of big business, huge farms, powerful machines, and 200-horsepower automobiles, it would be well to concentrate a little upon some of the smaller things of life, to see how much can be accomplished, how much good can be done, how much happiness can be spread, how much help can be given in and through small things. Think how Jesus pointed to a cup of water and called it a cup of blessing! He saw the widow's mite, a trifle, lying unnoticed among the gold and silver coins in the treasury, and what did He say about it? "This poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury."

Don't trouble yourself if you cannot do the big things! There are the little acts of kindness which we can all do — a cheerful "Good morning," a friendly smile, a warm handshake, a pleasant chat, a glad welcome for everyone, a little service or material assistance, a word of guidance to a lad, an evangelical approach to one who has offended us, a visit to those who are sick, a helping hand wherever needed. We cannot do much, but we can do something; and though small, it is not without its value, its importance, its blessing.

## The Brain of Einstein

The brain of Dr. Albert Einstein, famed for the
of relativity, which few men understand, was give
Princeton Hospital for study.

It is unlikely that dissection of the dead tissue
once lodged in the professor's cranium will produ
clusive findings. Characteristics of the Einstein fo
midbrain, and hindbrain would have to be match
those of many other mathematical geniuses of th
age, racial background, and environment before
conclusions could be announced.

Dr. Einstein was respected for his transcendent
and his powers of origination. A world listened

Christianity, too, listened, because every new s
discovery is new evidence of the wisdom and p
God, as Einstein himself realized with age.

However, the glory of God uncovered by the s
is only partial. The Almighty has revealed Hims
premely through the miracle of the Spirit-inspired
tures. He laid bare His heart at Calvary, where H
Son, by His redemptive suffering and death, ma
ultimate disclosure of our heavenly Father's savi

Blessed are they that "have not seen" and touch
their hands and proved with their slide-rules this
salvation, "and yet have believed."

## TV and Missions

With the announcement of the publication of I
day's book *This Is the Life*, attention has agai
focused on Synod's television program, which n
an estimated 9,500,000 viewers over 265 outlets.

If an estimate of the program were to be made
the basis of the publicity value it has brought
church, there are many who would say it's well w
expenditure. And yet if that were all "This Is th
is doing, it might be debatable whether the program
be included in the synodical mission budget.

But Synod's television program is doing muc
than arousing the favorable reaction of a large
audience or building good will for the Missouri

It is preaching the Gospel — and preaching it in
effective manner. Most of the episodes include an
verbalization of the Gospel message. All of then
onstrate to the unconverted viewer, in a forcefu
the relevancy of the Christian life. This makes it
the most effective agencies for pre-evangelism our
has ever had.

Someone has said that if a man stood in the ce
the Sahara Desert shouting the text of John 3:1
morning until night, he would be preaching the
but he would be doing little toward building the K

On the other hand, "This Is the Life" is reachi
lions in the Missouri Synod's over-all plan to ca
the Great Commission.

ELMER KRAEMER, Editor, *The Lutheran*

# ose Leaves

### Vacations

ation days are here. They are important days in
s of many people. We know how eagerly children
ward to the travel and adventure of vacation time,
ny adults regularly lay aside money which is ear-
for the annual holiday.

ations, generally speaking, are a necessity. True,
eople do not need them, and others, for reasons of
are on vacation almost constantly, trying to build
sical strength or to restore shattered nerves. God,
ve us physical and mental powers, certainly expects
onserve them as well as use them. Even Israel as
k as Moses' time had its sabbatical days, weeks,
ars.

ation days, in order to be profitable and enjoyable,
have a purpose; otherwise we return with a feeling
tration. . . .

ne people would be better off not to go on a vacation
e, for lack of planning or sheer foolishness, it is too
Others come home physically and mentally worse
n when they left, due to overexertion, loss of sleep,
tement. Get your money's worth, and you certainly
it is interesting enough to relive in January the
n you had, say, in July or August. . . .

acation can be spent in the back yard, in a hospital
elping a neighbor, and in dozens of ways. But it's
acation; so you must plan it.

v a final paragraph and the most serious one. Vaca-
ays are here, but that must not mean "Good-by,
n." You will need God before next September; so
d better keep in close touch with His Word and His
Keep up the daily devotions without interruption.
st instances the vacationer need not even miss a
service. The best vacation is always the one that
blessing of Him from whom all blessings flow.

V. Koehler, *President*, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Dis-
n *The Canadian Lutheran.*

### What Do Americans Value Most Highly?

om do we reward most highly for services rendered?
swer to that question throws some light on the cur-
ale of values of American life. Physicians head the
hey receive the largest incomes and also have had
rgest increase — 80 per cent — in average real in-
in recent years. . . . Second on the list are lawyers.
ollow dentists, businessmen, government employees,
ientists. Education stands in seventh place in the
of college graduates and the ministry in the eighth.
s rating the American people give a fairly low valua-
intellectual and spiritual development. . . . We are
finance education and an adequate spiritual min-
But when we prodigally spend vast sums for liquor,
, cosmetics, and entertainment and grouse about
the necessary expenditures for schools and
es, it is time to ask and give an honest answer to
estion: What do we really want? Do we care for the
and spirit, or only for the body? — *The Christian*
*y.*

# What's the Answer?

*Question:* May a Lutheran who is not a member of a Synodical Conference Lutheran church receive Holy Communion in one of our churches? And may a Synodical Conference Lutheran be a guest at a non-Synodical Conference Lutheran altar?

*Answer:* The obvious procedure ought to be that since we are not in fellowship with such churches, members of each group should commune at their own altars. That is the practice which was agreed upon between the Armed Services Commission of our church and the Bureau for Military Personnel representing the National Lutheran Council churches with regard to the celebration of Holy Communion in our service centers.

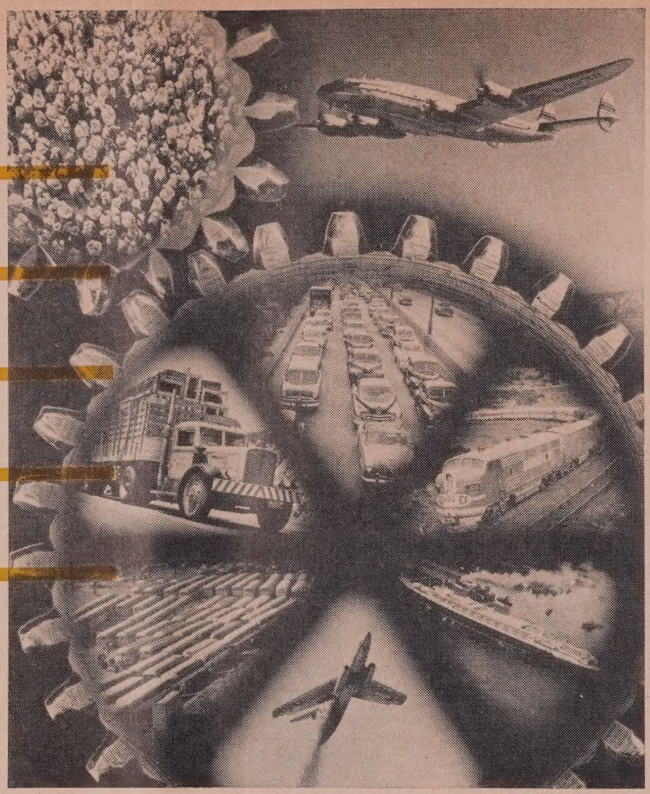
In civilian life we believe that our pastors should accept members of other Lutheran groups only in cases of emergency and then only after careful examination as to their doctrinal stand. Furthermore, if people from such groups live near one of our churches and have no church of their own within reach, they should be ready to unite with our congregation in due form and thus eliminate the problem. Neither should our members seek the Lord's Supper from Lutheran pastors not in fellowship with us unless there is such an emergency, as when they are dangerously ill or must submit to major surgery and no pastor of the Synodical Conference is available.

Until agreement in doctrine and practice has been achieved between us and other Lutheran groups, there should be no communing at one another's altars. Let unity be achieved first. Normally our members should plan their activities so that they will be able to partake of the Holy Supper with due frequency at their own churches.

*Question:* Why did the Lord's Supper become a Sacrament, but not the washing of feet (John 13:1-15)?

*Answer:* The difference lies in the nature of the two acts. Holy Communion is a means of grace, instituted by our Savior to transmit and to seal to His disciples the grace which He merited by His active and passive obedience. It is an act which God performs for us. The washing of feet, however, though it was first performed by our Lord, was not such a means of grace to bestow God's pardon, but was an act to be performed by the disciples among themselves. Jesus expressly calls it an *example* which they should follow, a practical demonstration of humble service. The disciples needed just that kind of lesson at that very time, as they repeatedly quarreled about their individual worthiness (Matt. 20: 20-28; Luke 22: 24-30). In our day this procedure has lost its significance, since the washing of feet is no longer in vogue among us. We have other ways of demonstrating the same spirit of humility, namely, by fighting down with the power of the Spirit any superiority complex that would develop within us and by serving Christ through consecrated church and charity work. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25: 40). O. E. S.

# Witness While You Work



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By THEODORE SCHABACKER, Pastor, Grace Church, Boulder, Colo.

***"What you are will serve as the body of your testimonial address"***

Albert Einstein, 76, greatest modern genius in mathematics and physics, once said, "If I had to do it over again, I'd be a plumber." When he died, April 18, at 1:15 A. M., in Princeton Hospital, a night nurse was his only attendant. She could not understand his last few words, mumbled in German. And a mathematical equation, $E=mc^2$, will be his epitaph.

Fred Allen, comedian of stage, screen, radio, and television, remarks that what he gets "out of it all is the echo of forgotten laughter." That the renowned humorist means what he says is apparent from the title of his autobiography, *Treadmill to Oblivion.*

On April 26 actress Susan Hayward attempted suicide. This screen celebrity had reached the top in her profession. She had everything to which thousands of stage-struck girls aspire — beauty, fame, wealth. Reports claimed she had quarreled with her husband. But for quick action, two bottles of sleeping pills would have sent her into permanent oblivion.

### Best Opportunities

"What jobs offer the best opportunities?" ask high school students scanning the list of more than 30,000 occupations now listed as ways to earn a living.

"Pick one that best suits you," is the counselor's stock answer.

A wise Christian counselor would amend that statement: "Pick a vocation which offers you the best opportunity to witness for Christ. Ask yourself, 'Can I testify of my Savior in what I want to do and where I hope to be?' Do not think of your opportunity alone. Consider Christ's opportunity of using you in your vocation."

### Witnesses at Work

Here is an auto mechanic. His clothes, his hands, his face, his hair are soiled by grease and grime from 8:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Surely, this man cannot bear witness to his Savior. Or can he? He did. He told his fellow mechanic about the Lutheran church, its growing Sunday school, its parish program, and, above all, the Christ-centered sermons its pastor preaches. One Sunday the mechanic who is "sold" on his church and his Savior brought a fellow mechanic to a service. His wife and child came, too. As a result of an automobile mechanic's testimony, a family of three was gained for Christ.

Here is a worker in a Federal Center. In his car pool, riders discuss religion. A woman in the car is disheartened because her home has been broken. What the speaker says his church and his friendly, l pastor makes an impact on he On Sunday she visits that w church and invites the pastor at her home. She decides to c the next adult class and br friend. Soon her children a rolled in the Sunday school. more souls come into the Ki largely through a worker's test

A postal clerk tells an unch mailman about the Lutheran and Sunday school in his v The clerk offers to pick up the man and his family. In a few the Sunday school and the choir add two new members mailman and his wife are p ing for communicant memb A postal clerk has the joy of his witnessing bear fruit.

### Church Work as a Profess

Viewing the job picture for people today, Lyle M. Spencer, dent of Science Research Asso Chicago, says: "The professio growing twice as fast as the forces as a whole." According U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistic electronics, engineers comprise 5 per cent of the work forces. one of the highest ratios of eng to workers in American history

But look at our Lutheran C Vacancies in the churches and s of every synodical District in an alarming shortage of "engi Men and women are urgently n for the Christian professions they can serve: as pastor and te high school and college inst deaconess, medical missionary evangelist, journalist.

Should youth give first cons tion to serving the Lord Jesus as a lifework? Christ has red us, not only that we may be Hi and live under Him in His kin but also that we may serve Across whole continents the vo the Lord of the church is heard ing, "Whom shall I send, and wh go for Us?"

### What You Are

If you are prevented from an ing God's call to full-time serv one of the Christian professions a vocation that offers you the opportunity — for witnessing.

A Christian does not have to a formal declaration to witne Christ. Christian testimony ne be shouted out. What you are, of God, will serve as the introd and body of your testimonial ad What you say to your fellow m behalf of Jesus is but the conc of your witnessing, "a reason hope that is in you."

# MISSION CALL

This insert in the LUTHERAN WITNESS has only one purpose: to inform our people from time to time on current happenings in our church's far-flung mission work and thereby persuade them to support this vital program with their prayers and offerings. *Mission Call* is edited by Rev. J. E. Herrmann, Stewardship Counselor, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis

MISSION WORLD

## *a memorable meeting*

It was a really great occasion — the fifth convention of Nagercoil and Trivandrum District ladies' societies at Nagercoil on March 5, 1955.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. L. W. Meinzen of Valliyoor. He emphasized the fact that all should be witnesses of the Lord.

### Two Essays

After devotions the regular meeting began. Mrs. G. R. Stelter presided. Two essays were given in the Tamil language. Mrs. Samuel from Valliyoor also spoke on "Our Own Witness About Christ," and stressed the fact that the greatest service a Christian can perform is gaining souls for Christ. Each woman should make it her duty to find and talk to those who do not yet know about Christ.

Mrs. Paramai Samuel of Nagercoil, in her essay "Attention of Women in Church," showed the importance of women being attentive in church. Many disturbances could be avoided if the women would always be on time for services, prevent the children from making noises, and encourage their neighbors to observe these things.

Miss Daisy, a teacher from the Malayalam area, gave a flannelgraph essay. She showed the picture of a sleeping church, caused by the indifference of both the pastor and the congregation. The people were concerned only with worldly things and neglected their souls. When the people were finally awakened, they worked diligently. Miss Daisy encouraged the women at all times to be wide awake and never to allow their congregations to be in a stagnant state, but labor with renewed zeal through their ladies' societies.

The students of Nagercoil and members of the Young Women's Association of Trivandrum entertained the group with songs, one of the songs being the L. W. M. L. song, "Lutheran Women, One and All."

### A Full Afternoon

The afternoon sessions continued at the Girls' Boarding Hall, with the opening devotions by the Rev. M. Philip of Nagercoil. Again two essays, "Status of Women's Organizations in the Congregation" and "How to Use My Bible for My Own Personal Use," were read, respectively, by Rev. Ebenezer of Trivandrum District and a woman representative from Vadakangulam.

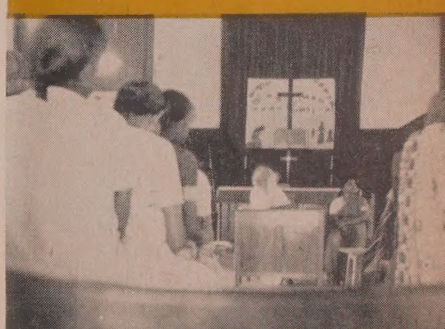
The reports of ladies' societies of both Malayalam and Tamil areas were then read. Considerable progress in the work among the women of our church is evident. Many new societies have been organized. Many of them have started Bible classes, sewing and other handwork classes, and singing classes, with a view to increasing Christian knowledge and service among women.

A resolution was passed to elect a committee to consider future conventions in all districts and also future joint conventions.

After a vote of thanks to the Nagercoil women and a closing song, the meeting was brought to a close with a prayer by Rev. Philip. — P. LOUIS, Trivandrum, India.

In the dining hall the women, who are eating ric and curry served on a leaf, are seated on the flo

In the center of this picture is Mrs. G. R. Stelte who presided over the meeting, and next to h is Rev. M. Philip of Nagercoil



Seated at the desk is Mrs. G. R. Stelter. In th background you see the posters with the theme the convention printed in both Tamil and M layalam languages

# "GO YE INTO

Ambur Hospital Staff, India

Students and Professors, Via Ballester, Argentina

Rev. Pankow's Sunday School in Havana, Cuba

Kindergarten in Monterrey, Mexico

Sunday School, Tokyo, Barris-Candon

**Our largest mission field is Home Missions.**

It has the largest number of missionaries. — 796.

It supports the largest number of stations — 1,254.

It opens the largest number of new stations — 109.

It requires the largest outlay of missions funds — $2½ million.

It results in the largest addition of communicants — 12,083.

**Every congregation is a mission congregation.**

236,277 adults were confirmed during the past ten years.

57,737 persons were gained for the church from without in 1954.

62,443 children from non-Lutheran homes attend our Sunday schools.

60,671 non-member children attended the vacation Bible schools.

2,459 of the 16,233 non-member children in our parochial schools were gained for Baptism and confirmation in 1954.

**There is a great variety of work in the home field.**

35 missionaries regularly serve about 10,000 deaf in 270 cities.

25 full-time and 567 part-time student pastors minister to 25,075 students at 1,077 colleges in the U. S. and Canada.

636,149 persons attended services conducted by 82 full-time institutional missionaries in 450 city, state, and federal hospitals, sanitaria, and other public institutions.

98 pastors are on active duty as chaplains with the Armed Forces of our country.

3,100 blind people are being served with literature of various kinds by the Board for Missions to the Blind.

Sunday School by Mail and Telemission seek to follow up the thousands of contacts made through the Lutheran Hour and through "This Is the Life" (275 TV stations in U. S. and Canada).

*es to us with a new urgency.*

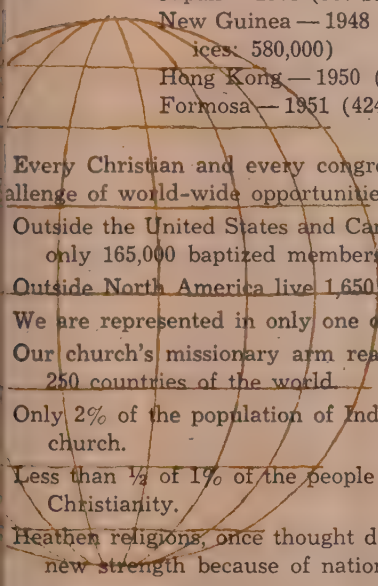
## *HE WORLD!"*

New work is being undertaken in England, Belgium, and ance. A decade ago our missionaries were active in Brazil, gentina, Mexico, Cuba, Africa, India, and China. Today our ssion fields include:

**tin America:** Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Venezuela, Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, and Cuba (103,994 baptized members in 524 congregations served by 157 missionaries)

**rica:** The work in Nigeria is supported by our Synodical Conference (27,314 baptized members, 15 American missionaries, 174 congregations)

**ıe Far East:**
India — 1895 (29,201 souls)
Philippines — 1946 (1,738 souls)
Japan — 1948 (967 souls)
New Guinea — 1948 (1954 attendance at services: 580,000)
Hong Kong — 1950 (1,272 souls)
Formosa — 1951 (424 souls)



Every Christian and every congregation is faced with the allenge of world-wide opportunities which are unmet:

Outside the United States and Canada our church numbers only 165,000 baptized members.

Outside North America live 1,650,000,000 heathen.

We are represented in only one corner of Africa.

Our church's missionary arm reaches into only 25 of the 250 countries of the world.

Only 2% of the population of India belongs to a Christian church.

Less than ½ of 1% of the people of Japan have embraced Christianity.

Heathen religions, once thought dead or dying, are gaining new strength because of nationalism.

There are 400,000 more heathen in the world today than in 1925.

We have only a token force in Latin America.

Many are the areas in the world where we could and should begin mission work.

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD!"

The Savior's command to His church comes to us with new urgency.

H. A. Mayer, *Secretary of Missions*

Vacation Bible School, Totsuka, Japan

Students and Prof. F. Growcock, Monterrey, Mexico

Young People's Society in Guatemala City

Zacapa School (Rev. C. Bretscher), Guatemala

Going to Morning Devotions, Panguvuk, New Guinea

# *a day never to be forgotten*

On November 8, 1954, the *first* native in our New Guinea mission was baptized. This day will stand as one of the great milestones of our church's history on that distant island.

As Rev. O. Hintze was organizing a new confirmation class, there came an old, bent, and weather-beaten man whose one hand was crippled. Paki was the father of one of the young catechumens. He had been drawn to Christ through the sermons one of his sons preached every evening at the chapel. He had moved close to Yaramanda because his thin and weakened legs no longer carried him over the rough terrain of that region. Day after day he attended the confirmation classes until, as a consequence of a sickness, he no longer was able to come.

His end was drawing near. Evangelist Kundi and Missionary Hintze continued to instruct him for some weeks, hoping that he might be baptized soon. A week before his death he called for Missionary Hintze, desiring to be baptized. On November 8, Missionary Hintze, his wife, and Kundi came to Paki's lowly dwelling and heard his confession of faith concerning the chief doctrines of the Bible. Thereupon he was baptized — *the first adult Enga in the entire region to take this important step.*

A few days later he went to his eternal home. Missionary Hintze arrived about a half-hour after this aged man's soul had taken its flight heavenward. Those who had been at his bedside before he died bore witness to the fact that he had urged them all to place their full confidence and trust in their Savior. Just before he died he had placed his emaciated hand on his head, indicating he had been baptized, raising his other hand toward heaven and crying out, "Come, take me! Come, take me!"

His was the first Christian funeral the people of his region had witnessed. The missionary was careful to convey to them its profound meaning.

He was the *first fruit* of the harvest that shall be reaped in Yaramanda. Pray God that that harvest will be a golden one.

Paki is proof, is he not, that mission work does pay?

world missions

## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

A large number of missionaries is expected to spend some time in the United States during the coming months. These missionaries are returning home for physical and spiritual rebuilding, to meet their families again, and to become acquainted with the home church. Some of them will have to give special attention to their health, while others plan to follow some intensive program of education, and thus their time will be considerably restricted.

It is, however, desired that, where possible, missionaries take opportunity to acquaint the church in the U. S. A. with the missions with which they are connected, their problems and successes. To this end missionaries are encouraged, if free to do so, to accept invitations from congregations, societies, or other groups within the church. Such invitations may be addressed to the missionaries directly at the addresses indicated on the accompanying list or to the Board with which they happen to work. (Latin America — Board for Missions in North and South America; Nigeria — Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference; Asia and the South Pacific — Board of Foreign Missions. All Boards have headquarters at 210 North Broadway, St. Louis 2, Mo.)

The inviting group is expected to assume the necessary travel and maintenance costs of the speaker. If it is planned to have a missionary tour an area, *and this is often quite desirable, the Board shall also be drawn into the picture.* The various Board offices stand ready to take the initiative in arranging tours by specific missionaries.

*HERMAN H. KOPPELMANN*

### GUATEMALA

**R. F. Gussick**
1026 North Temple Avenue
Indianapolis 1, Ind.
or
c/o Lutheran Hour
3558 South Jefferson Ave.
St. Louis 18, Mo.

### INDIA

**M. H. Grumm**
6330 Southwood
St. Louis 5, Mo.
(Sept. 1, 1955—March 1, 1956)

**Harold Heinlein**
c/o G. H. Heinlein
2606 Cronk Street
Saginaw, Mich.
(till August 15)
6330 Southwood
St. Louis 5, Mo.
(till March 1, 1956)

**Wilbur May**
c/o W. F. Bode
Box 259
Dodge Center, Minn.
(till August 15)
6330 Southwood
St. Louis 5, Mo.
(till March 1, 1956)

**E. H. Meinzen**
2627 Winnebago
St. Louis 18, Mo.
(Sept. 1, 1955—April 1, 1956)

**Clarence Rittmann**
4760 Helen
Dearborn, Mich.
(till August 15)

### INDIA (Cont.)

**J. G. Steinhoff**
4310 Winchester
Chicago 40, Ill.
(till about July 31)

**Robert Trautmann**
Route No. 1
New Palestine, Ind.
(till September 1)

**Herbert Zorn**
828 May Street
Hammond, Ind.
(schedule filled)

### JAPAN

**W. J. Danker**
306 North Kensington
La Grange, Ill.
(after June 8)

**Ralph Egolf**
27 Woodside Avenue
Elmsford, White Plains, N. Y.

**Richard Meyer**
c/o Rev. Henry Meyer
514 East Fourth Street
Cullman, Ala.
(till August 15)
6330 Southwood
St. Louis 5, Mo.
(till March 1, 1956)

### MOSLEM MISSION (India)

**H. Nau**
129 West Green Court
Greensboro, N. C.

### NEW GUINEA

**Otto Hintze, Jr.**
and
**Willard Burce**
6330 Southwood
St. Louis 5, Mo.
(Sept. 1, 1955—May 1, 1956)

### NIGERIA

**E. J. Baer** (teacher)
c/o Mrs. Edwin Sauer
511 South 2nd Street
New Ulm, Minn.
(due in August)

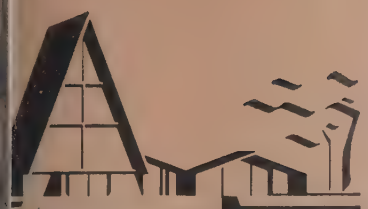
**J. L. Konz**
433 Lauderdale
Selma, Ala.
(until August)

**R. Krugler**
4843 West 22d Place
Cicero 50, Ill.
(due in July)

**R. L. Lail**
c/o Rev. V. E. Schroeder
1728 4th Street
Bismarck, N. D.
(due in September)

**Dr. and Mrs. Theo. F. Meves**
2944 North 22d Street
Milwaukee, Wis.
(due in July)

**H. M. Ottemoeller**
R. F. D. No. 1
Grand Island, Nebr.
(arrival date uncertain)



## NIOR COLLEGE

t 12:40 P. M., May 26, eight years Synod first resolved to extend inisterial training activities into her level, Dr. Walter F. Lichtchairman of the new Board of ol, signaled the beginning of ruction activities (see picture, 17) for Concordia Senior College rning over the first spade of in a brief ground-breaking ony held at the highest spot on ew campus where, God willing, enior College chapel will stand. an address on that "day of joy and importance for our d," Dr. J. W. Behnken pointed ie vast and complex problems n had to be solved before this ruction phase of the Senior Colproject could begin, but he then raged the church to press fron the basis of his chosen text: *God of heaven, He will prosper herefore we, His servants, will up and build* (Neh. 2:20).

r the afternoon of the same day, ecommendation of the Board for er Education, the Board of Conawarded a construction contract he first eight buildings: admin- ion; faculty offices and class- s; student union; central heating ; auditorium; kitchen and dining ; infirmary; and library. Schedcompletion date for these buildis August 1, 1956.

lthough this phase of the Senior ge project involves more than million dollars, the bids were nenomenally close that the sucul contractor (Wermuth, Inc., Wayne) submitted a bid which only $499 lower than the next st figure. Before the contract awarded, the Board for Higher ation subcommittee through con- tion with the architects' engis effected savings of $106,000, so this phase will cost $2,022,000. ecause contracts awarded in 1955 effecting the rising costs of mate- and labor, it is urgent that the ining contracts be let as rapidly ssible. Accordingly, the Board is ing to receive bids for the first p of dormitories and faculty resies within sixty days.

MARTIN J. NEEB, *President*

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR IN ENGLAND AND EUROPE

During the month of February it was my responsibility and privilege to visit England and various countries in Western Europe to make a study of our Lutheran Hour operations. It was no surprise to me to find that these Gospel broadcasts have generally found a good acceptance and that our Lutheran pastors in those areas have made contact with many good mission prospects through the broadcasts.

Since the policies of the state-controlled radio systems in those countries do not permit us to procure radio time for the Lutheran Hour, we must rely on the powerful independent transmitters in Luxembourg, Monte Carlo, and Saarbrücken to provide outlets from which we can beam the broadcasts in various languages into many countries.

At the present time we use Radio Monte Carlo for only one Italian Lutheran Hour program each week, Radio Saarbrücken for one in German, and Radio Luxembourg for two British broadcasts each week in addition to eleven broadcasts in other languages, such as Russian, Polish, German, and Romanian. Since the best listening hours on these big stations are much sought after by commercial programs, time is both expensive and difficult to buy. We are indeed fortunate to have access to these powerful stations, for their strong voices carry the saving Gospel to millions of Europeans.

There is rich evidence that God has blessed the Lutheran Hour messages abundantly in these lands. The effectiveness of the broadcast is especially apparent in Great Britain, where the Lutheran Hour is acclaimed by Rev. E. George Pearce and our other pastors and workers as a real aid in the expanding mission program which is being carried on there.

It was a real joy for me to attend a Sunday evening service conducted by Pastor Pearce at the Lutheran mission in Ruyslip and on the following evening to be a guest at the first meeting of the newly formed synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England. The Christian zeal with which the small band of our fellow Lutherans in Great Britain is embarking on the venture of faith could well be an example to many of us in the U. S.

The Lutheran Church in Germany, especially in those areas where it is dominant, broadcasts many Lutheran devotional programs each week. In addition, we also broadcast the Lutheran Hour in German from Luxembourg and Saarbrücken every week. These broadcasts can be heard well in almost all of Germany. While in Germany, I was again struck by the tragic neglect of attendance at divine worship by so many German people and by their lack of interest and participation in the work of the church. May our German Lutheran Hour serve, with the help of God, to reawaken the people of Germany to their rich heritage of the Reformation!

In Paris, Rev. Fred Kreiss works closely with the Lutheran Hour, for he finds our French broadcasts most helpful in making contact with mission prospects. Once each month he holds a Lutheran Hour Rally in his Paris church, where he also discusses questions of Christian doctrine. When the new House of Studies begins operation this summer, our Lutheran Church will develop for the first time a truly French Lutheran ministry. This will afford much-needed additional man power, and we are confident that these new Lutheran pastors will find the Lutheran Hour to be a valuable aid in their missionary endeavors. Establishing Lutheran congregations in France is a difficult assignment at best, for here, too, there is a widespread indifference to Christianity. In some areas any activity by Lutherans or Protestant groups is looked upon with suspicion or even hostility.

Both Pastor Hobus in Brussels and Pastor Hellings in Antwerp rely heavily upon mail response to our French and Flemish Lutheran Hour broadcasts from Luxembourg for their mission contacts. In following up leads, these pastors often travel many miles by train, streetcar, bus, or on foot. Although the flocks that these men have gathered are still small, the congregations constitute real beachheads in a strongly Catholic land. Whatever we can do to strengthen these shepherds through the Lutheran Hour broadcasts and by other means we should and must do.

Although the Lutheran Hour receives some contributions from listeners in these countries, the money is far from sufficient to pay the costs of operation. We Lutherans in America therefore, must look upon the overseas work of the Lutheran Hour just as we view our other mission work, and we must provide the money to make its continuance and expansion possible. This is all the more imperative since the survey just concluded indicates that we can increase the effectiveness of the broadcasts if we are ready, willing, and able to provide funds for audience-building promotion and publicity in these foreign lands. Such publicity will be of value to our pastors and missionaries in that it will bring the cause of the Lutheran Church to the attention of thousands.

PAUL FRIEDRICH
*Executive Director*

# District Conventions

## BRIEF REPORTS

### Texas

"Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:5) served as motto for the Texas District's 34th convention at Concordia College, Austin, April 11—15, and launched the District's golden anniversary observance, which will culminate in 1956. Psalm 100, text of the opening sermon by synodical President Dr. John W. Behnken, was chosen as the Anniversary Psalm of Thanksgiving.

Blessings of the past and opportunities for the future, said District President Roland Wiederaenders, "are to occupy the prayerful hearts of the members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in Texas as they cross the spiritual Jordan to enter the second half-century of Kingdom work in the great Lone Star State."

Ten congregations, nine pastors, and eleven teachers were received into District and synodical membership. All of the District's 101 male teachers answered the roll call, which listed a grand total of 532 delegates.

*Essay:* Speaking on "The Means of Grace in an Effective Church Program," Rev. Carl A. Gaertner said that the Lutheran doctrine of the means of grace is "a happy doctrine for Christians because it has to do with God's grace." The Gospel and the Sacraments are God's powerhouse for the church's program to win and keep souls, the essayist pointed out.

*Missions:* Four new missions were started, and seven congregations became self-sustaining during the last year. The District subsidizes 46 stations, including seven Latin-American and three Negro missions, an institutional missionary, and a student service co-ordinator.

*Church Extension:* Dr. Oliver Harms, chairman of the Golden Anniversary Committee, announced that $164,768.07 had been pledged toward the jubilee offering. Added to the Church Extension Fund, the special collection will afford further expansion in 131 counties which have no Lutheran congregations. Emphasis on evangelism is reflected in the adoption of a 50,000-membership goal for the District in 1956, which will require a net increase of 50 communicants for every parish of the District. In five decades the Texas District's communicant membership has mounted from 7,250 to 38,735.

*Education:* Teacher Edward J. Keuer, recently elected Counselor for Parish Education, was introduced to the convention delegates. Five new schools were opened in the past year, and increases were noted in every agency of parish education.

*Stewardship:* By resolution of the 34th convention, a full-time Stewardship Counselor for the Texas District will be called. Stewardship schools will be continued. Synod's share of offerings received in Texas for the world mission of the church will be raised from 35 to 50 per cent.

*Administration:* To relieve the District President in administering the affairs of the fast-growing sisterhood of congregations and to give all areas of Texas representation on the Board of Directors, the District was zoned into four regions. Each is to furnish a member of the *Praesidium* and a layman for the Board of Directors. Elected were Revs. G. W. Obenhaus and George Heinemeier as Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents, respectively, and L. G. Peterding and Wm. Knippa as additional directors.

*Dedication:* Studtmann Hall, new dormitory for girls on the Austin campus, was dedicated April 12. Rev. W. F. Wolbrecht, Executive Secretary of Synod's Board for Higher Education, gave the sermon. The responsive service of dedication was led by Prof. George Beto, president of the college. Named for Dr. Henry Studtmann, charter member, first secretary, and President of the Texas District, 1922 to 1926, also first president of the Austin Concordia, 1926 to 1949, the building was erected by the Texas District and presented to Synod. The training of women teachers at Austin will begin in September 1955.

### Southern California

The presence of all 99 voting pastors helped to set an attendance mark of 319 when the Southern California District convened in the Clark Hotel, Los Angeles, April 17—22. At the silver anniversary opening service Dr. John W. Behnken urged a congregation of 6,000 in the Shrine Auditorium to "serve the Lord with gladness." Three past Presidents officiated: Revs. Gotthold H. Smukal, Walter F. Troeger, and Armand E. Mueller. Rev. Victor L. Beh presiding officer since February spoke the Benediction.

*Growth:* In 1930 the Californi Nevada District released to the born Southern California Di 47 congregations, 5,952 communic and 8 parish schools. Now 25-year-old District has a rost 130 churches, 30,000 confirmed m bers, and 42 Christian day sc To keep pace with the District's growth, seven more Visitors elected, raising to 17 the number of visitation circuits.

Rev. Victo Behnke Preside Souther California D

To assist the President in supervising the doctrine and life in churches, the convention delegates added the office of Third Vice-President. Rev. William Graumann was named Second Vice-President, and Rev. Immanuel Hodde was the convention's choice for the third vice-presidency. When Pastor B ken succeeded President Muell office, Rev. Gustav C. Schramm came First Vice-President.

*Essay:* "The Doctrine of Church" was presented by con tion essayist Dr. Alfred von Sauer, Concordia Seminary, St. L

*Missions:* Of the 45 congrega subsidized by the District durin past year, 13 were new missions. a lack of funds barred the Mi Board from entering 14 addit fields. Plans for the next trien call for the opening of 37 new tions. Because of an expected crease of three million in the po tion of Southern California by mission opportunities will mul

*Stewardship:* Unanimously ad was a convention resolution to s the District's annual budget, no fore but after the congregations declared how much they will s to contribute to the world missi the church. This plan reverses procedure of having the Fiscal ference prepare a budget first then asking congregations of the trict to assume their fair share.

*Education:* Congregations urged to re-evaluate their ed tional program from the point of of soul-accounting. To co-ord all of its educational facilities, District will explore the possi of creating an executive secretar in education.

A memorial to establish a sy ical institution for ministerial tra in Southern California will be sented to the next convention o Lutheran Church — Missouri Sy

# Religious NEWS

## The Church The World The Nation

ADO DAMAGE TO TRINITY CHURCH, BLACKWELL, OKLA., May 25: Church and portion of parish house to left and parsonage to before twister leveled 35 blocks, damaged other areas in Black- and killed 20 persons, more than half of whom were within k of the church. *Center:* Rev. Edwin Heyne, Jr., standing where l once was. Upper right shows twisted pipes of organ. The e was hurled into the floor. Pews were whipped across the street. Ruins of parish house, church, and parsonage, right. Bell, lower vas in the street after the tornado cut its swath of destruction h four states. — Pastor Heyne was addressing a Lutheran n's Missionary League group in Stillwater when the tornado Blackwell at 9:29 P. M. His wife and four children (ages 2, 5, d 8) were safe, because for the first time she sought shelter in sement of the parsonage. Four other Lutheran families in the diate area, whose property was completely destroyed, were un- d. Pastor Heyne wrote the "Witness": "I have two funerals to ct for two friends, but not members, of our church. One of our ers is critically ill. The congregation had a service of thanks- giving May 29. It was heart-rending to see on the front seats of the Junior High School auditorium, which is now our 'church,' a wife, son, daughter, and elderly father, who had been carried a hundred feet inside their house and who then witnessed the splintering of their home by the tornado. But they are alive, with only minor bruises, to continue to live for their Savior. Only a modern miracle protected many of our people who were in their homes and without warning saw their houses completely destroyed. — The next morning Rev. Alfred E. Behrend, President of the Oklahoma District, came with his wife to help us recover whatever household items we could find. Other pastors also came and helped. Clothes, bedding, and supplies from fellow Lutherans have been pouring in. — Naturally we are now in a big building program. Meanwhile we shall have regular services and Sunday school in the Junior High School. On May 29 we celebrated Holy Communion with ware borrowed from another Protestant church. Attendance at our worship was 335 — 70 more than our communicant membership. We recovered our crucifix and altar candlesticks, bent, of course, but a reminder of God's grace to us on May 25."

**Building for Christ"** on June 3 reached a total in cash and ges of $3,985,764 with 3,147 con- ations reporting, W. F. Fenske, paign director, reported to the NESS.

**he crew and cast of "This Is Life"** on May 27 completed the est production schedule in the ry of the program for Synod's presentation of 18 episodes of the —56 series. With only a four-day te the company had been in tant production since April 12. remaining 8 episodes, which are being filmed, will be completed ly.

believe that both dramatically theologically this fourth series esents an improvement over our rams of the past," Rev. H. W. el, who writes the religious dia- told the WITNESS. "One of the ges in the new series is the more ent appearance of Pastor Mar- n the various episodes. Our mail ated that Pastor Martin had won hearts of our viewing audience, so it was only natural that we ld use him more. The series con- s the traditional Fisher Family at."

GRACE CHURCH, LOS ALAMOS, N. MEX., was dedicated December 12, 1954, with appropriate rites performed by the pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Ledebuhr. The church, in contemporary style, has a width of 35 feet, length of 60 feet, and elevation of 47 feet. A backdrop of colored glass rises behind the altar at the south end. On the north, the shingle roof rises from the ground to form a large triangle. The architects used the terrain to provide the pastor's study, classrooms, kitchen, and heating unit at a lower level on the south. Total cost of the building was $54,000. Many hours were donated for painting, building chancel furnishings, laying flagstone walks, and other work.

The congregation was organized in 1952 under the guidance of Rev. R. A. Miller, at that time pastor of Immanuel Church, Santa Fe.

**President Alfred E. Behrend** of the Oklahoma District of Synod announced that he was sending an appeal to all congregations in the District for cash to help rebuild the church, education plant, and parsonage of Trinity Congregation, Blackwell, Okla., which the tornado demolished on May 25.

**The Church of Finland** (State Lutheran) marked the 800th anniversary of its founding on Ascension Day with a service in the 13th-century cathedral at Turku, with President Juho K. Paasikivi and Lutheran leaders throughout Scandinavia and northern Europe in attendance. Elsewhere throughout Finland, churches, schools, and Christian organizations observed the occasion and raised a collection for building a new mission in London for Scandinavian seamen.

According to tradition, Eric Jedvardson, King of Svealand, and English-born Bishop Henry of Uppsala, Sweden, brought Christianity to Finland. Turku was the ancient capital of Finland and its principal city until 1819, when the seat of government was transferred to Helsinki during the period when Finland was a grand duchy of Russia.

STEEPLE OF 87-YEAR-OLD HOLY CROSS CHURCH BUILDING, SAGINAW, MICH., WAS DEMOLISHED April 11 to make way for a new church in contemporary architecture. This sequence of six photos, which Carl Brahce, 28, of the *Saginaw News* caught with his action camera in one second, was released by the Associated Press. Mr. Brahce was not far away from the 104-foot tower when it toppled toward him. Pastors Emil H. Voss and Harold F. Krach of the 109-year-old congregation have received clippings and letters from members and friends who saw the picture reproduced in newspapers and on TV throughout the U. S. and Canada, in Paris, Stuttgart, Rome, and Buenos Aires. Sons of Holy Cross who are in service in Korea sent clippings from *Stars and Stripes*. "Built on the Rock, the Church doth stand, even when steeples are falling."

**Rev. Alfred W. Sauer,** 73, pastor of St. Martin's Church (Wisconsin Synod), Winona, Minn., since 1905, died May 17. During his 50-year ministry in the congregation, where he served actively up to the last few weeks of his life, he officiated at 3,316 baptisms, 2,463 marriages, exactly 2,000 funerals, 1,017 adult and 2,284 child confirmations.

His wife, the former Elfrieda von Rohr, daughter of Pastor Sauer's predecessor, died in 1943. Survivors are his three sons: Dr. Philip von Rohr Sauer, Bemidji, Minn.; Dr. Alfred von Rohr Sauer, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and David von Rohr Sauer, Winona.

Pallbearers at the funeral were the pastor's nephews: Drs. Herbert von Rohr Heise, William von Rohr Heise, Philip von Rohr Heise, Paul von Rohr Heise, and Carl von Rohr Heise of the well-known medical clinic in Winona, and Orlando Sauer.

**The Wisconsin Synod High School** Conference will dispose of the site of the group's proposed Lutheran high school, after a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court not to hear the synod's appeal of the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision, which had ruled in favor of a Wauwatosa city ordinance forbidding the erection of a private school in the area. The U. S. Supreme Court declined to review the Lutheran school case "for want of substantial federal question."

***Land,*** **a non-profit "service** for Lutheran farmers to help them keep their land and their church for the good of the church, to the glory of God, and for the salvation of souls," is a small bulletin published by Marcus Gerike, Box 17, Osmond, Nebr., and available for congregation-wide distribution at 2 cents a copy.

**Grace Church, Cleveland Heights,** Ohio, on May 22 honored Dr. Herman W. Bartels upon his completion of 35 years of service as its pastor and 55 years as a minister in Synod. A bronze plaque commemorating the anniversaries is being placed in the church.

Dr. John W. Behnken, President of Synod, delivered the sermon at the festival service, and Rev. Hugo G. Kleiner, President of the English District, in which Grace Church holds membership, represented the District. Dr. Bartels was President of the English District from 1945 to 1951.

After graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Pastor Bartels was ordained at Zion Church, Poplar Bluff, Mo., July 1, 1900. He served Trinity Church, Chesterfield, Mo., and First Church, Fort Smith, Ark., before he accepted the call to Grace Church, where he was installed June 20, 1920. On July 1, 1955, he will assume the position of pastor emeritus. He has been associate pastor of the congregation since May 1954, when Rev. Kenneth R. Hoffmann was installed as pastor.

**Paul E. Lippold,** a member o Portland police bureau for 13 and recently in charge of the bur safety education program in sch is the city's new traffic safety d tor. His promotion is the resu his high rating in civil service e: ination for the position.

He is a member of Cal Church, president of the Por Lutheran Education Association member of the Board of Directo the Northwest District of Sy His article "Crime and Chri Correction" appeared in the Wit November 10, 1953.

**Elvera Sommer,** 18, displaced son from Hanover, Germany, crowned queen of the Puya (Wash.) Valley Daffodil Festiva April 11. Gov. Arthur B. La presented the crown before 2,000 sons in Puyallup.

She is the daughter of Mr. Mrs. Theodore Sommer, who bro their family to the U. S. in 1952. are members of Immanuel Chu Rev. E. A. Gerken, pastor. Mr. S mer works in a Tacoma battery s

LEE MERRILL P

Miss Elvera Sommer, Queen of the 1955 Pu lup Valley Daffodil Festival, Wash.

**Chief Petty Officer Roland Br ing,** a qualified diver in the U Navy, was commended by his co manding officer for diving service recovering passengers and help salvage the Italian Air Liner wh had crashed in the waters of Id wild Airport. The commenda also said: "Your unceasing effort high degree of teamwork reflect mirably not only toward the mo and training received at this co mand but to the Navy as a who

His pastor, Rev. George Nick burg, Sr., of St. Matthew's Chu Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., told Witness that the diver "is the typ young man any pastor would proud to have as a parishioner."

AMERICA OF 1956" is Ramona Deite-
35, Sunday school teacher at Christ
(Rev. J. B. Bredehoft, pastor), Lincoln,
and mother of five children. Her hus-
Carl, edits the *Nebraska Farmer Mag-*
and is chairman of Christ Congregation.
gs in the church choir, is active in the
's guild, and is also president of the
Elementary School Parent-Teacher As-
n. The couple's five children — Diann,
even, 12; Kaye, 10; Cheryl, 8; and
6 — all sing in the junior choir. The
tithes. After Mrs. Deitemeyer received
vard, which includes $15,000 in prizes,
f the first things she said was: 'I want
e to mean two things; first, that the job
nemaking will be kept on a terrifically
lane and, next, that my church can be
f the title.' . . . For the first time in the
ars of the 'Mrs. America' contest there
o bathing-suit competition. It was all
aking," the Associated Press reported.
a for judging were homemaking, civic
hurch interest, personality, and poise.
as crowned at Ormond Beach, Fla.
el of seven judges chose her for "Mrs.
ska" after an afternoon of tests in cook-
d sewing and an evening of interview-
family budgeting, meal-planning, and
care. Prizes for the state winner in-
$2,000 in gas appliances.
shows Mr. and Mrs. Deitemeyer (left)
ting a $50 check for the Lutheran Hour
mory of Prof. Karl Haase, retired pro-
of Concordia Teachers College, Seward,
ntil his recent death a fellow member of
Church, Lincoln. Mrs. Deitemeyer, who
ed the check for participating on the
V program "What's My Line?" May 22,
esenting the check in New York to
swald C. J. Hoffmann, director of Public
ons for Synod.
the Lincoln townspeople applauded the
neyers as they stepped from the plane,
rprised stewardess asked, "Why didn't
ell us?" The Mayor commended Mrs.
neyer for displaying "great humility."

he Deitemeyer family in their home

**Emma Ludke Eifert,** widow of Rev. William Eifert, who served in the Minnesota District for more than 30 years, and mother of seven sons ordained to the ministry of the Missouri Synod, died April 19 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Powell, Santa Barbara, Calif. The sons serving the church are: Revs. William C., Edmonton, Canada; Walter W., Rochester, Minn.; Otto H., Waukegan, Ill.; Erhart D., Blue Earth, Minn.; Lorenz E., St. Louis, Mo., and Edgar H., Waseca, Minn. Carl D., who was pastor at Harrold, S. Dak., is deceased. Her other daughters are Mrs. E. R. Leavitt, Anaheim, Calif., and Miss Dorothy Eifert, St. Paul, Minn.

**The *Martin Luther* film,** which the Quebec Board of Cinema Censors banned 17 months ago, was shown to capacity audiences by eleven Protestant churches in Montreal for a week beginning May 30. On the first night 5,000 people attended, and, the ushers said, almost as many were turned away for lack of room. Almost all the churches were packed 15 to 20 minutes before the film was shown. Large groups of persons went from one church to another trying to see the film. In the Westmount municipality, where the ministerial association coordinated ten of the showings, local police and firemen were on duty assisting the crowds. Clergymen said that visitors made up an unusually high percentage of the total audience.

The film was not advertised commercially. In addition to announcements by the clergy on previous Sundays, invitational cards reading "You are invited to a church showing of the outstanding religious film *Martin Luther*" were distributed widely in Greater Montreal.

**Scholarships awarded to June graduates from Concordia Seminary,** St. Louis, are: Graduate Fellowships for a year of study and research at the seminary to Robert Bergt, Walter Keller, Harvey Lange, Carl Querbach, Walter Rast, and Andrew Weyermann.

The Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship was presented to Paul Lapp, who plans to study at Johns Hopkins University.

Scholarships from the Aid Association for Lutherans were given to Fred Dodge, who will study at Union Theological Seminary, and Richard Hoyer, who will do graduate work at his alma mater.

Fulbright scholarships were awarded to Paul Maier and Robert Scharlemann, who will study at Heidelberg University, Germany.

A scholarship issued by the German *Hilfswerk* was extended to Hans Spalteholz for a year of study at the University of Goettingen, Germany.

NEUMAN

**GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY AT SENIOR COLLEGE, FORT WAYNE, May 26: The shovel used 30 years ago to break ground for the last building erected for Synod's Fort Wayne Junior College was also used to break ground for the new Senior College.**
**Participants in the service (l. to r.) were: Dr. Martin J. Neeb, president, Senior College; Prof. Herbert G. Bredemeier, president, Concordia College, Fort Wayne; Rev. Clifford E. Aulick, secretary, Board of Control; Dr. W. F. Lichtsinn, chairman, Senior College Board of Control; Dr. John W. Behnken, President of Synod; Dr. Walter C. Birkner, chairman, Synod's Board for Higher Education; and Dr. Ottomar Krueger, President of the Central District.**

# Deaths

**Karl Wyneken** (December 10, 1873, St. Louis, Mo., to January 5, 1955, Fort Wayne, Ind.), son of Carl and Emma Leonhardt Wyneken; graduated Concordia College, Fort Wayne, 1894, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1897.

He served St. John's Church, Convoy, Ohio, 1897—1906; St. John's Church, Farmers Retreat, Ind., 1906—1920; Trinity (suburban) Church, Fort Wayne, 1920 until his retirement in 1943.

His wife, the former Mamie Lindert, whom he married in 1898, died in 1929. He is survived by three sons: Carl and Victor; and Herbert, USAF, Spain; six daughters: Mrs. Herman Teske, Cleveland; Mrs. Lillian Baxter and Mrs. Loretta Hudson; Mildred, WAC, Germany; Irma, Waterloo; and Alverta, Chicago; a half brother, Alex Ude, and a half sister, Lucy Ude, Pasadena, Calif.

At the funeral service in Trinity Church, January 8, Rev. Louis J. Fuchs officiated; the undersigned preached and read the committal service in the church's cemetery.

PAUL L. DANNENFELDT

**Henry William Daehnke** (November 8, 1890, York, Pa., to March 28, 1955, Valparaiso, Ind.), son of Herman and Mary Miller Daehnke; graduated Concordia Seminary, Springfield, 1915.

He served Negro mission congregations at Charlotte, Concord, Shanklestown, Kannapolis, and Catawba, N. C., 1915—1924; churches at Hazard, Litchfield, and Ashton, Nebr., 1925—1937, when he retired from the ministry because of failing health.

He is survived by his widow, the former Ruth Wihlborg, whom he married in 1916; six sons: Henry, St. Louis; Paul and Harold, Fremont, Nebr.; Ralph, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Sigurd, North Platte, Nebr., and Theodore, Charlestown, W. Va.; and three daughters: Mrs. Ruth Wilhelm, St. Louis; Mrs. Iona Fullington, Fremont, Nebr.; and Mrs. Naomi Miller, Valparaiso, Ind.

The undersigned conducted the funeral services April 1, 1955, in Trinity Church, Fremont, and read the committal rites in Fremont Memorial Park. Vicar Thomas Pfotenhauer officiated.

VICTOR W. HOFFMANN

**Hugo E. F. Becker** (November 28, 1894, Falls City, Nebr., to April 2, 1955, Norfolk, Nebr.), son of Rev. Carl and Louise Schnute Becker; attended Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1909—1910; graduated Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., 1916; taught in Lutheran schools at Plainview, Nebr., 1917—1928; Ida Grove, Iowa, 1928—1931; Summit, Ill., 1931—1933, when he retired because of failing health.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marie Knaak of Plainview, Nebr., whom he married in 1919; two brothers: Paul, Seward, Nebr.; and Erwin, Chicago; and one sister, Mrs. Esther Filter, Chicago.

Funeral services were conducted in Zion Church, Plainview, April 5. Rev. Philip Janz officiated, Rev. Peter Krey preached, and Vice-President A. G. Deke spoke for the Northern Nebraska District. The undersigned officiated at the mortuary, Neligh, Nebr., and read the committal rites at the Plainview Cemetery.

D. A. CHRISTIANSEN

**Martin F. Heine** (February 18, 1898, New Haven, Ind., to April 24, 1955, Hibbing, Minn.), son of William and Elizabeth Gruick Heine; graduated Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1918, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1922.

He served St. Paul's Church, Tenstrike, Minn., 1922—1927; Immanuel Church, Cass Lake, Minn., 1927—1928; Grace Church, Hibbing, Minn., 1928 until his death of a heart attack. From Hibbing he also served congregations at Chisholm, Side Lake, Keewatin, and Goodland. He was Visitor of the Range Circuit of the North Minnesota Conference and preached at its spring conference service in Minneapolis five days before his death.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frieda Herman of St. Louis, whom he married in 1923; two daughters: Helene, wife of Rev. Herbert Mueller, Milwaukee; and Natalie (Mrs. John Peregoy), Louisville, Ky.; and three sons: Frederick, Minneapolis; Paul and Herman, Hibbing.

Funeral services were conducted in Grace Church, April 27. District President H. A. Gamber preached, and the undersigned officiated. Rev. Elmer Rimpler conducted a service for the family and read the committal rites.

O. H. MARKGRAF

**Prof. R. O. L. Lynn,** dean of Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N. C., died May 19.

# Announcements

## Ordinations and Installations

### CANDIDATES

**Ordained:**

*Scheibert, Harold W.*, Luther Memorial, Richmond Heights, Mo., by David S. Schuller, May 22.

**Ordained and Installed:**

*Lemkul, John O.*, St. Peter, San Leandro, Calif., by Oscar T. Walle, May 22.

### PASTORS

**Installed:**

*Boedecker, Robert C.*, St. Mark, Wauwatosa, Wis., by E. F. Brauer, May 15.

*Broeske, Donald E.*, St. Paul, Alta Vista, Kans., by R. H. Raedeke, May 22.

*Elgert, Louis G.*, St. Luke, Putnam Valley, N. Y., by H. Heck, May 15.

*Fluegge, Wilton H.*, Trinity, Center Line, Mich., by Walter C. Gerken, May 8.

*Friedrichsmeyer, Owen H.*, Zion, Lockwood (Meinert), Mo., by Theodore Maschoff, May 22.

*Goetjen, Reinhold H.*, Faith, Seaside, Oreg., by Benjamin W. Schuldheisz, May 8.

*Kaufmann, Louis A.*, St. Luke, Cabot, Pa., by Eric C. Malte, April 17.

*Kleidon, Edmund G.*, Concordia, Burlington, Iowa, by Lester C. Peter, May 8.

*Luke, Harold H.*, St. Paul, Lapeer, Mich., by H. A. Reischauer, May 15.

*McRee, George*, Holy Cross, Cleveland, Ohio, by O. T. McRee, May 22.

*Mager, John G.*, Good Shepherd, Akron, Ohio, by W. W. Walker, May 15.

*Mueller, Herbert C.*, St. John, near Claremont, by W. C. Hilpert; Peace, Claremont, Minn., by A. Mueller, April 24.

*Possehl, Floyd*, St. Luke, Duluth; Hope, Munger, Minn., by Walter H. Bouman, May 8.

*Ramelow, Herman F.*, Immanuel, Middle Creek, near Seward, Nebr., by Martin Yauk, May 15.

*Rudolph, Lawrence P.*, Redeemer, Ontario, Calif., by L. E. Faasch, May 15.

*Scheelk, Leo*, St. Matthew, Sonora, Cal
Arthur Brohm, Jr., May 15.

*Schulz, Roy P.*, Trinity, Fort Morgan,
by A. Obermeier, May 15.

### TEACHER

*Klawiter, John W.*, St. John, Buckley, I
W. A. Eissfeldt, September 26, 1954.

## Official Notices

*P. Kornelijs Avotins*, Vancouver, B. C.
ada, an applicant for reception into the
istry of The Lutheran Church — Mi
Synod, has passed oral and written coll
and met all other requirements. He is
declared eligible for a call. — THE EXA
COMMITTEE, *W. A. Baepler, A. O. Fuerbr
H. Harms.*

*Kurt M. Jordan* of Valparaiso Univ
has made application for a colloquy to
the teaching profession in our Christia
school system. — OTTOMAR KRUEGER, *Pres
Central District.*

*Rev. H. O. C. Ferber* of Millington has
appointed Circuit Visitor of the Flint C
to replace Rev. H. A. Reischauer, who h
cepted a call into another District. — A.
*President*, Michigan District.

*Rev. Paul G. Koch* of LaCrosse, Ind
resigned from membership in The Lut
Church — Missouri Synod and from its c
He is, therefore, not eligible for a call i
Synod. — OTTOMAR KRUEGER, *President*, C
District.

## Call for Nominations

Because of the death of Prof. Albert L
bauer a vacancy exists on the facul
Concordia Seminary, Buenos Aires, Arge
Synod's Board of Directors has authorize
the vacancy be filled. The Board of C
of Concordia Seminary, Buenos Aires,
with requests all voting congregations o
Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to
inate suitable candidates for the cha
Systematic Theology. All candidates must
a working knowledge of Spanish, since
language is used as the medium of instru
the nominated professor will be requir
instruct in English as a branch; he s
also have a fair knowledge of German.

We earnestly hope that many of Sy
congregations will favor us with a nomin
and ask them to send such nomination
airmail to the undersigned not later
August 1, 1955. — REV. JORGE PEDRO
Medran 253, Banfield, F. C. N, Roca, Repu
Argentina.

## Election Results

On May 31, 1955, the Board of Electo
St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., vot
extend the following three calls: 1) Eld
Sieving as Associate Professor of Eleme
Education; 2) Wilbert W. Stelzer as Asso
Professor of Physical Education and Biol
Science; 3) Erich Hopka as Associate Pr
sor of Physical Sciences. — LEO J. F
*Secretary*, Board of Control.

## Lutheran Programs on Radio and Television

### July 3, 1955

*CBS-RADIO — "CHURCH OF THE*
Speaker: *Rev. Elmer N. Witt*, Executive
retary of the International Walther Le
Music by the choir of the Family Wo
Hour, under the direction of Gerhard Sch

*CBS-TV — "LAMP UNTO MY FEET."*
matic program and panel discussion on
New Guinea Story." Panelist: Rev. Edg
Mundinger, pastor of Our Savior Ch
Kansas City, Kans. Moderator: Dr. L
Bryson.

Consult your local station for time of b
cast. Some TV stations carry a kinesco
the "Lamp unto My Feet" program a
or two later than the announced date. —
WALD C. J. HOFFMANN, *Director of Public
lations.*

## Notices

*Ephphatha Conference*, Concordia Co
St. Paul, Minn., July 1—5. Notify REV.
BREMER, 1221 22d Ave., N., Minneapoli
Minn., if housing is desired. — THEO. DeL
*Secretary.*

Visitors to Glacier National Park wi
interested in the following schedule of
theran services: A) *East end of Park* —
day evening service, 8 P. M., in the tow

…cier Park, Mont. (summer only). …side — Trinity Lutheran Church, …Mont., Sunday services at 8:30 A. M. …M. — Rev. Eugene F. Klug.

…e knowing of Lutherans living in or …estown, N. Y., please inform Rev. R. …Otto, N. Y., or Rev. H. Sander, Little …. Y.

…e knowing of Lutherans who have …Caracas, Venezuela, or other cities …uela, to live permanently or to work …oil and iron companies, please notify …Riedel, Apartado 4587 Este, Caracas, …a, South America.

…vangelical Lutheran Church of Eng- …its affiliate, the International Lu- …four, desire to make known that …s in any way associated with the …ion styled the "Lutheran Episcopal …f England" or with James Crawford.
Executive Board

## Available

*…pulpit, lectern, baptismal font,* and …d for cost of transportation. — First Lutheran Church, 725 Fairhurst, Colo. Rev. A. Obermeier.

## Changes of Address

…, Herman E., Sr., …Elk River, Minn.
…, Theophil, *em.*, 1727 Morgan Ave., …Minneapolis 11, Minn.

Brauer, Ernest A., *em.*, 1414 Spencer Ave., Berkeley, Ill.
Brockopp, William G., Neshkoro, Wis.
Bueltmann, August J., New Berlin, Ill.
Cizek, Clarence J., 314 E. Greenville St., Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Faulstick, Alfred, 523 Fourth St., Oakmont, Pa.
Friedrichsmeyer, Owen H., R. 3, Lockwood, Mo.
Goetjen, Reinhold H., 734 17th Ave., Seaside, Oreg.
Guenther, Ernest F., 315 W. Seventh, Newkirk, Okla.
Gumz, Frederick A., Apt. 5, 450 Arlington, Toronto 10, Ont., Can.
Haas, Harold I., 588 Englewood Ave., Buffalo 23, N. Y.
Hamilton, Wendell R., 4107 Orleans Ave., Sioux City 6, Iowa
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## SYNOD

| BUDGET | | RECEIVED |
|---|---|---|
| 9,100,000.00 | JAN. | $ —— |
| 8,341,666.66 | DEC. | —— |
| 7,583,333.32 | NOV. | —— |
| 6,824,999.98 | OCT. | —— |
| 6,066,666.64 | SEPT. | —— |
| 5,308,333.31 | AUG. | —— |
| 4,549,999.98 | JULY | —— |
| 3,791,666.65 | JUNE | —— |
| 3,033,333.32 | MAY | 1,970,470.12 |
| 2,274,999.99 | APRIL | 1,376,852.17 |
| 1,516,666.66 | MARCH | 779,935.28 |
| 758,333.33 | FEB. | 376,175.20 |

## DISTRICT

| | |
|---|---|
| Alberta and British Columbia | $ 4,281.43 |
| Atlantic | 67,199.20 |
| California and Nevada | 36,000.62 |
| Central | 199,382.12 |
| Central Illinois | 64,122.78 |
| Colorado | 16,894.03 |
| Eastern | 47,987.23 |
| English | 110,215.21 |
| Florida-Georgia | 7,232.72 |
| Iowa East | 51,370.83 |
| Iowa West | 76,626.45 |
| Kansas | 50,700.00 |
| Manitoba and Saskatchewan | 3,619.91 |
| Michigan | 196,208.95 |
| Minnesota | 163,660.63 |
| Montana | 8,013.13 |
| North Dakota | 25,094.41 |
| North Wisconsin | 74,197.33 |
| Northern Illinois | 166,822.97 |
| Northern Nebraska | 49,232.81 |
| Northwest | 37,083.93 |
| Oklahoma | 13,798.35 |
| Ontario | 14,000.00 |
| South Dakota | 14,633.22 |
| South Wisconsin | 105,937.24 |
| Southeastern | 32,834.68 |
| Southern | 6,414.31 |
| Southern California | 30,154.57 |
| Southern Illinois | 41,690.67 |
| Southern Nebraska | 49,639.99 |
| Texas | 30,934.77 |
| Western | 146,083.53 |
| TOTAL FROM DISTRICTS, Feb. 1 to May 31, 1955 | $1,942,068.02 |

| OPERATING STATEMENT | 1954 | 1955 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash Requirements, Feb. 1—May 31 | $2,700,000.00 | $3,033,333.33 |
| Cash Receipts, Feb. 1—May 31 | 1,660,097.67 | 1,970,470.12 |
| DEFICIT | $1,039,902.33 | $1,062,863.21 |

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